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Hall of Reps US
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My Dear Friend

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I rec^d yours in

regard to the approaching anniversary
by due care of mail. I hope to get
time to reflect upon the subject and

write a short letter to the Convention

But you are aware that our attention here
is much absorbed with official duties

Now less my own time a very our
thoughts been so constantly employed
although I no longer mingle in the
exciting conflicts attendant upon the
eventful times which are transpiring at
our nations Capital

I have long thought of devising and
setting in operation a system of efforts
for uniting the philanthropists, the advocates

of Christian Civilization among all
enlightened nations in general by sympathy
and concentrated and simultaneous
labors for the elevation of mankind.
particularly for the maintenance
of those rights which pertain to our race
at all times under all governments.

I believe that half the efforts which
have been put forth to reform our own
government would have ~~thoroughly~~ reformed
Constantinople and Christened every
monarch every King Emperor and
Crowned head in Europe.

But the difficulty would be to set in
operation those means which should
reach the mind and address the
heart of Princes and Crowned heads

This can only be done through
public men. men whose attention
must be attracted by combined and
extended effort.

Your Society must take the lead
and I suggest for your consideration
the propriety of calling the attention
of your members to it at their efforts
- any announcement if your judgment
approves the plan.

When ever the Republicans obtain the
control of our federal government which
I think will be in 1860. I trust that
Congress and the Executive may be
induced to place our nation in advance
of monarchies on that subject. but you
having less confidence in political action
than I have will not wait until 1860

no would I leave you do so. If
any thing can now be done. let
it be brought forth and the effort
tried.

Very truly

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